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Plan for 24-hour service at Minden Hospital has risks

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The proposal has its risks, but there is the possibility of providing 24-hour service at the Minden Hospital for at least another month.

When summer ends, the emergency service was expected to revert to 12-hour care because of the decreased demand and shrinking hospital budget. However, Foster Loucks, executive director of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, presented an innovative alternative to the board at Friday's meeting.

He suggested having the Minden ambulance attendants spend their time on call at the hospital, rather than at the ambulance base. "They would provide some support and companionship (to the doctor who would be working alone during the 12 hours from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.) but no direct clinical involvement.... When the ambulance attendants are called away, it would not necessitate calling anyone in — it's not an automatic trigger to call someone in. It will be the judgement of the physician."

The plan could work because most of the doctors hired by the hospital to work on call have agreed to doing their own paperwork and costs could be cut by having a nurse work on call, rather than on duty.

However, what happens when the ambulance attendants are called away and the doctor is alone in the hospital, which has an assortment of prohibited drugs which may be attractive to thieves? Is the board liable should something go wrong? Will male doctors want a nurse

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FLYING HIGH AT THE FAIR: Paul Ecclestone, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, was one of the many visitors who swung into the fun at last

weekend's 132nd annual Haliburton County fair in Minden. For more photos of the parade, rides and events, turn to pages 17 and 18.

Hodgson stays at MNR in cabinet shuffle

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

In a vote of confidence after a year of radical change, Ontario's premier has retained Haliburton-Victoria MPP Chris Hodgson as minister of natural resources in a cabinet shuffle at Queen's Park Friday.

The shuffle was the first by Premier Mike Harris since the Tories were swept to power on June 8, 1995.

Hodgson, who was expected by observers to keep his portfolio, said he is glad to continue to head the MNR.

"I talked to the premier on Thursday and he said (I'm) doing a good job and if I wanted to I could stay where I was," he said Saturday afternoon while attending the Minden Fair.

During his first year in cabinet — a year in which he oversaw the massive downsizing of his own ministry — Hodgson has not been caught up in controversies or made embarrassing gaffs.

Asked if the premier's decision to keep him in his post reassures him of his perfor-

mance, Hodgson said, "It's always good when your boss says you're doing a good job."

Over the past year, Hodgson said the province has "done what we said we'd do" in terms of making changes at the MNR.

The ministry has dedicated money raised from hunting and fishing licenses to a special fund and the board that will determine where the money is spent

will be assembled this fall, he said.

"We also grandfathered FACs (Firearms Acquisition Certificates). I know the waiting lines have been long, but it's helped a lot of hunters and gun collectors in this area."

Over the coming months, Hodgson said he's eager for the new streamlined MNR to get on with implementing further com-

ponents of its "business plan."

"We've announced that we've done the downsizing. Now I want to see how we can do more with less. There are huge changes coming in forestry," he said.

Hodgson called the shuffle, which dropped only one minister — Brenda Elliott

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Sexual assault claim "unfounded," OPP says

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The Ontario Provincial Police is investigating one case of a reported sexual assault on a woman in Haliburton earlier this month.

However, rumours that women in the area have been victims of sexual assault and attempted sexual assault over the past couple of weeks are unfounded, say police.

Detective Sergeant Frank Casey of the Lindsay OPP said

on Friday that he is overseeing "an ongoing investigation" into one charge of sexual assault involving a woman in the Haliburton area.

But because the investigation is continuing, he would not go into specific details of the case, including the exact date and location the assault reportedly happened.

Police are no longer investigating a woman's charge that she had been sexually assaulted just outside Haliburton off Hwy. 118 early Tuesday morn-

ing. "That allegation has been found to be unfounded," said Det. Sgt. Casey, who heads up the crime for Haliburton, Victoria and Peterborough Counties.

Either the allegation was withdrawn by the woman or police decided to drop their investigation because of a change in the allegation, he said.

By mid-Tuesday stories that a

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Stanhope fly-in had its successes, too

WHILE LAST WEEK'S ECHO contained only a story on a accident involving one of the participants, Keith Burns phoned to remind us that the ultralight fly-in at the Stanhope Airport last weekend was nonetheless a big success. Some pilots flew nine hours to reach Stanhope for the barbeque and social time. There were pilots there from such places as Peterborough, Toronto and Quebec, each pleased with the day and local event. Many brought their tents to camp-out for the night and swap flying stories with other enthusiasts.

As another follow-up to items in last week's paper, there wasn't room in the Lesley Tashlin story to extend her thanks to the community. In the weeks leading up to her participation in the Atlanta Olympics, the young hurdler received many cards and faxes from area residents and the support was very much appreciated. On

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News about people and events in Haliburton County

fax from the Minden OPP was a 30-page lesson on "how to speak southern", which Lesley found very help. Her reception in Haliburton was also very warm, with applause greeting her every step of the way in the Haliburton Rotary Carnival Parade. Lesley had to fly to Calgary shortly after the festivities, but she plans to be back in Haliburton for a few weeks before she leaves for training in Bahrain in September.

In case you missed it, Maclean's magazine had a two-page feature on R.D. Lawrence and the profile repeatedly makes mention of Lawrence's home in the Haliburton Highlands. Writer D'Arcy Jennish recently visited R.D. and Sharon Lawrence at their home here and says "after decades of roaming the country, Lawrence rarely ventures far from his Haliburton property... The land around it, he says, is a microcosm of the Canadian wilds. It has a pond, a creek flowing into a lake, granite outcroppings of the Canadian shield and plenty of wildlife. 'I'm anchored,' he says. 'I'm too old to wander around with a pack on my back. But he is not too old to write, and is busy on his 31st book, which compares reactions to stress in humans and animals. Age may have cured his wanderlust. It has not dampened his creative energy."

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Anyone who is interested about changes to land use planning is invited to attend the Kushog Lake Property Owners' Association meeting on August 31. The guest speaker is Ambrose Moran, the vice-president of land use planning for the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations. He will discuss how new government policy changes may affect landowners. The meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. at Club 35.

Here are two items of interest for theatre goers: A brand new murder mystery has its debut at the Kawartha Summer Theatre in Lindsay. A Party to Murder opens on August 21 and runs to August 31. The cast of suspicious characters makes their way through the twisting plot to discover how and why, and finally whodunit? Phone 705-324-9114 for ticket information. Meanwhile, Lieutenant-Governor Hal Jackman will be the guest of honour at the August 22 performance of Robert Winslow's The Cavan Blazers at 4th Line Theatre near Peterborough. The outdoor theatre piece is the passionate re-telling of the Irish Catholic and Protestant conflict in Cavan Township during the 19th Century. For more information call 705-876-7660.

In last week's Pic of the Past, we should have said the Crowthers' cottage has been on Halls Lake for 60 years. As well, this year's Tammy, Adele Aubut, is from Sudbury, not Toronto. Our apologies for the errors.

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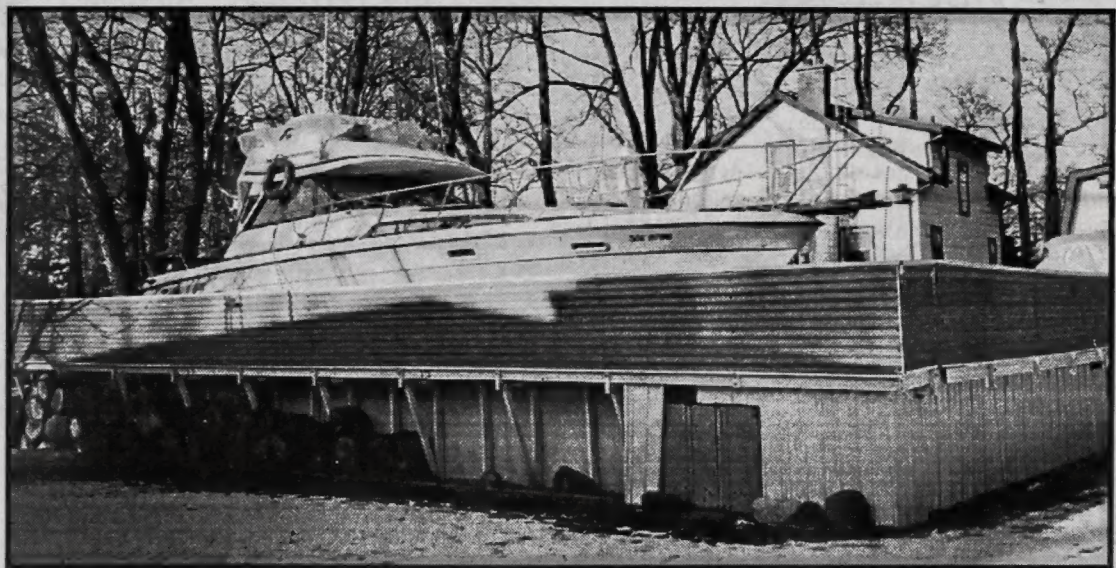
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Bill McAfee of Glamorgan had to do a double take when he saw this odd looking sight in Oakville. On first glance, it looks like the large boat is moored in the swimming pool. For that size of boat, it wouldn't seem worthwhile to even have a throttle. But rest assured; the boat's owners have it "docked" beside their house so they can take it by trailer to larger bodies of water.

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Hodgson continues as MNR minister

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(Environment) — from cabinet and changed the roles of seven others, a "fairly minor" one.
Controversial Community and Social Services Minister David Tsuboushi was replaced by Janet Ecker (Durham West)

in a demotion that sees him take on the consumer relations portfolio.

But Education Minister John Snobelen, who caused nearly as much controversy and was rumoured to be moved, carries on with the same responsibilities.

Rumours of assault spread quickly

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woman had been raped and savagely beaten the previous night were circulating across the county.

Later on in the day the story had undergone a metamorphoses and had become a sexual assault against two young girls.

Later in the week, some stories had a

different woman sexually assaulted on three consecutive nights.

But police dispelled the stories as rampant rumours.

"There's certainly no serial rapist running around there," said Det. Sgt. Casey. "If there were, we would be releasing information to keep the public informed."



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Lightning strikes twice, destroying two cottages

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Two cottages on separate lakes burnt to the ground after being struck by lightning Friday afternoon in a severe electrical storm that lashed the Highlands.

Dysart firefighters were already battling a blaze on Haliburton Lake, when the fire department received a second call that a cottage on Wenona Lake was engulfed in flames.

Several firefighters left the scene of the first call, at Rick and Vera Berry's cottage on South Curry Dr., and rushed to the second fire, at William Carr's property.

But the fires had quickly gutted both buildings and there was very little left standing of either of them for firefighters to save.

Dysart Fire Chief Miles Maughan is blaming both fires on lightning.

"From their appearance, both of the cottages never got hit directly, but the lightning hit nearby hydro poles and the fire spread to the buildings through their fuse panels," he said.

Haliburton Lake cottager Ingrid Saar was inside with her husband Erik when she heard the crack of lightning that must've ignited the fire at her neighbour's cottage.

"There were at least two or three very close hits. We had no idea at all it hit this cottage until the worst was over and my husband noticed the smoke," she said as firefighters pumped

water on the smouldering remains of the building in the pouring rain.

Mrs. Saar called the fire department just before 3 p.m. to report the blaze.

Neighbours gathered buckets of water at the scene, but were unable to do anything to fight the fire because it grew so large so quickly.

"It went so fast.

It was unbelievable," said Mrs. Saar. "It took five or 10 minutes and the flames were all over. I can't believe how it can go so fast. It's beyond my understanding."

One quick-thinking neighbour removed a propane tank from the outside of the building to prevent a potential explosion.

The Berrys were not staying at their cottage at the time of the blaze, but were planning to begin their holidays there this week, Mrs. Saar said.

Once they managed to reach them, she said she and her husband would invite the couple to stay at their cottage.

People staying at the Carr property on Wenona Lake tried to extinguish the blaze, which broke out just after 4 p.m., but were unable to put it out, said Fire Chief Maughan.

He estimated the fire caused roughly \$70,000 in damage to the property.

Damage caused at the Haliburton Lake fire is estimated at \$50,000, Maughan said.

In total, there were 18 volunteer firefighters involved at both fires.

Owners of Haliburton Lake cottage were just about to come up for week's vacation



After lightning hit the Berrys' cottage at Haliburton Lake on Thursday afternoon, there was little the Dysart firefighters could do to save it. Instead, they ensured the fire did not spread. At left, Mike Iles pulls boards aside so another firefighter could direct the water to the smouldering fire underneath

Stanhope cracks down on tax arrears

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Stanhope council is planning to crack down on delinquent taxpayers in a bid to recover more than \$470,000 it is owed in outstanding taxes.

Councillors have agreed to pay the municipality's lawyer to take over the tough job of collecting on the tax arrears.

In many cases, property owners who owe back taxes have simply ignored the municipality's letters requesting payment,

said clerk-administrator Gerald Bain.

Councillors are hoping a formal letter from the township's solicitor threatening further legal action unless the outstanding taxes are paid will persuade more property owners to settle up.

The tactic has worked well in other municipalities, said Bain.

One municipality collected close to \$200,000 in unpaid taxes in return for an investment of about \$2,000 in legal fees and title searches, he said.

Bain said it will cost Stanhope about \$1,500 in legal fees and title searches to go after the 15 most delinquent property owners in the township.

"It's something that is not budgeted for, but if it's successful ... it would be worth it. If it's not successful, then we may have to go to our reserves to cover it," he said.

The \$470,000 the municipality is owed in outstanding taxes, interest and penalty charges represents about 16 per cent of Stanhope's annual tax levy.

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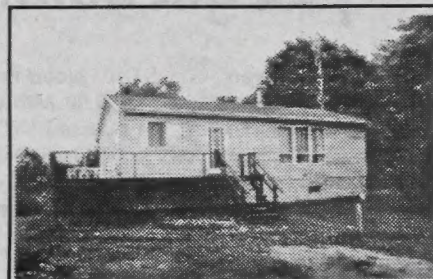


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Minden doctors to work alone

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to be present if examining a female patient? Will the x-ray technician on call in Haliburton be willing to travel to Minden if required, or should Minden patients requiring x-rays after hours be transferred to Haliburton? Will the Ministry of Health agree to pay the doctors even though the role study said there is not sufficient need for

two hospital emergency departments to be open from 8 to 8 in fall, winter and spring?

All of these questions were asked, but the board will not have any quick answer.

And while the plan reduces costs of providing the emergency care because the province will pay the doctors \$70 an hour for the period from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m., the board will still have to dip into its budget, which does not provide for the continuation of 24-hour care from Labour Day to the Victoria Day weekend. An on-call nurse is paid \$350 for the shift, and if she's called in, must be paid for a minimum of four hours at time and a half. This is relatively inexpensive, but as board chairman Hugh Nichol pointed out Friday, the hospital's budget already had a \$4,000 deficit as of May. "Are we in deep trouble already? If these May numbers are right, I'm concerned?"

What's the price of a life, asked Doug Campbell, who has repeatedly stressed lives are at risk during the hours the emergency department is closed.

That's a valid question, Nichol said, but the board must also deal with the provincial rule that hospitals have no deficit. He expects Loucks' plan will cost about \$30,000 - \$30,000 the board will have to find elsewhere. But where? And what if the board finds it's incurred an even larger deficit over the summer?

"If we have a \$200,000 deficit, what are we as a board prepared to do," Nichol asked. "We're talking major cuts - taking out a physiotherapy department, shutting down a site for one or two months. We can't pass the buck any more... Come fall (when the summer financial statements are available), we're going to have to make a decision none of us will like."

While there was general agreement the proposal was worth trying for at least the month of September, Loucks has been asked to get a legal opinion first. He believes the board will have to prove it made a "reasonable" decision based on circumstances, and the circumstances at a large hospital in Toronto are not the same as those for Minden.

Health board to become counselling centre's sponsor

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Recognizing there is a desperate need for the stable provision of mental health counselling services, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board has unanimously agreed to be the new sponsor of the counselling centre.

Many board members see this as a duty as well as an opportunity since mental health funding for local services seems to be a "sacred cow" as the province shifts the emphasis from institutions to communities.

The board will be responsible for the centre's \$150,000 budget as well as the \$200,000 already approved for new case managers under the Community Investment Fund. It will be able to charge back its administrative costs, so the new responsibility will not drain funding from the two hospitals.

"There is a crying need for better management," said board member Bill McAfee, who also sits on a local mental health committee. While SIRCH provided the service admirably for several years, last year there was a crisis among mental health consumers after SIRCH fired the two therapists. At a public meeting last fall, many consumers said they had lost trust in SIRCH.

In the months that followed, several options were discussed and the local committee decided to ask the health services board to be the new sponsor.

"We need the stability," said Dr. Norm Bottum speaking in favour of the motion. McAfee agreed, saying after the therapists were fired, there were several suicide attempts and one successful suicide.

It was memory of the emotions of the public meeting last fall which caused Doug Campbell to express reservations. The consumers showed they were "a very demanding group" and while he understood "there's a reason for being uproarious," he was worried about whether the board would be a future target. "When these people tee off at you..."

"When opportunities come, they don't always come at the right time," replied chairman Hugh Nichol.

The consumers will want some input, Dr. Bottum said. Some mental health advocates have put forward nominations to be a board member. The board has no obligation to have representatives from the mental health sector but a sub-committee could be formed.

"Consumers should have some involvement (in decision making)," Dr. Bottum said. "Whether it's voting or non-voting, it has to happen. If we don't, we'll have failed."

Barb Dawson said that since studies show 50% of hospital patients are suffering from mental health problems, "it's as keen a part of health as is the broken arm. I'm not prepared to disregard 50% of the population. Besides, this is really special to have it."

"Yes it will be overloading, but it's a part of sitting on this board," said executive director Foster Loucks, who before accepting the Highlands position, was head of a psychiatric hospital in Thunder Bay.

The board was unanimous in agreeing to be the sponsor of the counselling centre and CIF funding.



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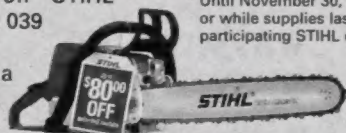


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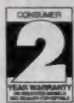
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Loates' show at Rails' End a showcase of Canadiana

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

On the day before his one-man exhibit was scheduled to open at the Rails' End Gallery, Glen Loates was captivated by the clouds over Drag Lake.

The clouds, as velvety gray and menacing as a smoke-coloured cat getting ready to pounce on its prey, were so intriguing that Loates couldn't help but pick up his sketch pad and begin drawing.

Where others may be tempted to wax lyrical about the beauty of nature in torment, Loates says it with his art. It's his way of expressing himself and by doing so, he also expresses the thoughts many Canadians have about their country.

The Glen Loates show at the Haliburton gallery is a piece of Canadiana, capturing images of the wildlife which has helped define the country. The huge pencil drawing of a blue heron, striking in its size and majestic bearing. A watercolour of a chipmunk coming for a visit on a cottage deck. Green trees reflected in the blue waters of the Haliburton Highlands. And numerous paintings of animals, some feared, some adored, all admired.

The show is special for two reasons. It's the first time Loates has exhibited his landscapes, some of which show Highlands scenes. As well, by including Loates work in several media, people also get a better sense of his depth as an artist. Loates' talent is multifaceted, and he seems to enjoy using a pencil as much as he does a set of paints. Since most people only see his prints, it's an opportunity to see the originals and study their incredible detail.

As people browsed through the two display rooms at a private opening on Friday night and a public opening on Saturday, the comment most overheard was "which one would you buy?" Of course, buying an original was out of the question for most people, but the Waiting Room had walls full of moderately-priced prints which were quickly red-dotted.

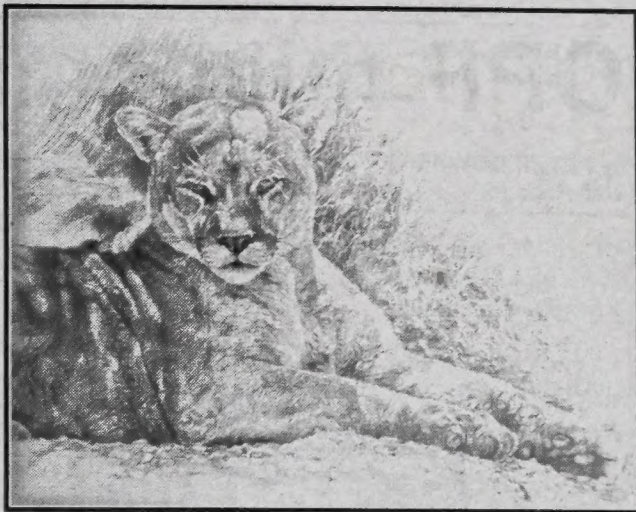
Loates was a gracious host throughout, spending as much time with possible with visitors, whose effusive

praise could be intimidating in itself. His wife Sally accompanied him, glad to have a few restful days at a friend's cottage at Drag Lake before they had to return to their busy life - she's a teacher - back in Maple.

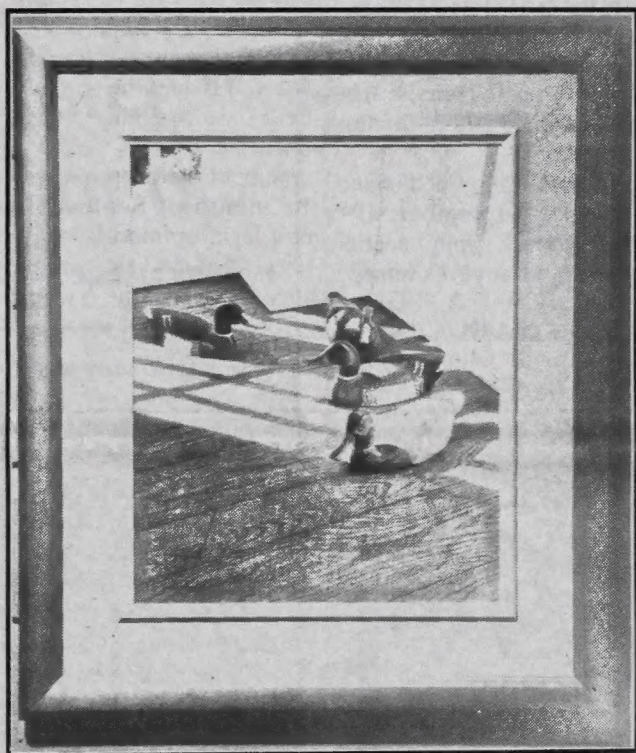
The Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts' staff and volunteers provided refreshments, including a large cake decorated by loons, for the milling crowd which packed into the historic building. People were delighted to have the opportunity to meet the man who started as a pioneer of wildlife art and developed into one of Canada's most respected and popular iconographers. Many people already have Loates' prints hanging in their homes and cottages, and the art became even more special after being able to meet the man who created them.

This is the second time Loates has had an exhibit at the Rails' End, the first being in 1986. It was his director of marketing, Grass Lake cottager Don Ross, who suggested it was time for another retrospective, and the Guild was more than happy to welcome such a prestigious honour.

This artistic collection of Canadiana runs at the gallery until September 14. The show is co-sponsored by the Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre.



Detail of a Glen Loates pencil drawing.



Glen Loates' wife, Sally, introduces him to a young visitor at his show at the Rails' End Gallery. Above, a whimsical painting of duck decoys



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OPP miscommunication baffles council

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Wednesday morning's meeting of Stanhope council.

A letter to the municipality from the ministry that oversees the OPP seems to indicate a communication breakdown between those at the top of the decision-making chain and those in the middle — at least when it comes to Minden's OPP detachment.

In mid-June, Stanhope wrote Solicitor General and Minister of Correctional Services Bob Runciman, expressing the municipality's concerns over the OPP's decision move administrative operations to Coboconk and a proposal to move out of the building it leases in Minden.

In a bid to save rent money, the OPP has said it plans to move into a smaller government-owned building on the other side of Hwy. 35 presently occupied by the MNR.

Just last week, Central Region Chief Superintendent Bill Hutton told The Echo the OPP is working with the government's real estate arm, the Ontario Realty Corporation, to find a new provincially owned address in Minden.

One proposal, he said, could see the ORC buy the building the OPP currently leases in Minden and offer the owners another piece of property elsewhere.

One way or another, the force hopes to resolve the issue "within the next month or so," he said.

But you wouldn't get the same sense of immediacy from Runciman.

In his July 25 letter to Stanhope council, he writes: "I am advised by OPP Commissioner Thomas B. O'Grady that

STANHOPE COUNCIL BRIEFS

Minden Detachment will not be relocated from its current location in the foreseeable future."

Because of the conflicting stories, county council has been having a difficult time getting "straight answers" from the province as it tries to seek a resolution, said deputy-reeve Eleanor Harrison, who chaired the meeting in Reeve Jock Mavor's absence.

"They sort of speak out of two sides of their mouths. They try to tell you something while telling you nothing," she said.

Runciman went on to write, "While Coboconk Detachment has, for the present time, been designated the area administrative centre, encompassing both Minden and Coboconk, there will not be a decrease in the number of officers assigned to the Minden location."

Airport future

Council will likely meet some time next month to determine what hours the airport will be open after the fall.

In the wake of airport manager Mike Carey's recent resignation, Dennis Lafleur has been hired by the municipality to manage the facility on a contract through October 14.

Deputy-reeve Harrison suggested council should meet in early September, after Reeve Mavor has returned from vacation, to make a decision on the airport's future.

Plane crash

Lafleur told councillors the airport

responded to last Sunday's plane crash on Maple Lake by following procedures from its emergency plan.

The ultralight aircraft, equipped with pontoons to land on the water, crashed into the lake as it attempted a landing.

The pilot and passenger, who were on their way to a fly-in at Stanhope's airport, were uninjured in the accident.

Lafleur said he was speaking with the pilot moments before the plane went down. "Everything seemed fine when I was speaking to him," he said.

A couple minutes later he received a call from Maple Sands Resort reporting that the plane had crashed into the lake and flipped over.

Lafleur said he immediately called the fire department and was told volunteer firefighters and ambulances were already enroute.

"The emergency response time was very quick," he said.

Aside from the accident, the weekend's fly-in went well, attracting 138 planes,

including pilots from as far away as Montreal and Boston, Lafleur reported.

Buckslide Rd. repairs

Property owners petitioning council to see a particularly bad section of Buckslide Rd. upgraded may soon get their wish.

A particularly upset with the condition of Buckslide Rd. may see a particularly bad section of the road -- upgraded soon.

There is "a strong possibility" the municipality's roads department will have some funding left over in its infrastructure budget to be used for maintenance, said deputy-reeve Harrison.

Councillors voted to use any remaining funds to repair and resurface a portion of Buckslide Rd. — a 1.5-kilometre stretch running north from the intersection of County Rd. 11 — that has deteriorated badly over the past few years.

A petition signed by 23 area property owners requested the municipality fix the trouble spot.

The residents complained of "unbearable" dust problems, bad drainage and a rough, washboard surface.

Glamorgan council names new fire chief

by JODY LINDBECK
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at last Wednesday's meeting of Glamorgan council.

Dale Dovell has formally been appointed as Glamorgan's new fire chief.

Dovell, the former deputy chief, has been acting as chief since the resignation of Doug Bates in June.

Council passed a by-law to appoint Dovell last week, having earlier adopted a resolution to appoint him, subject to his acceptance of the position.

The meeting also heard from fire department member Paul Drake, who asked councillors to consider the establishment of a fire department liaison committee for communications between the department and council.

Councillors decided to discuss the matter with the new fire chief before establishing a committee.

Horseshoe Days

The Gooderham Horseshoe Days

were a success again this year, councillor Tom Vos told council.

He said profits had not yet been calculated, but receipts for the demolition derby were \$900 down on the previous year.

The hot weather on that day has been blamed for the reduction in crowd numbers.

However, the event had been a great success, he said.

Road upgrade

A plan by the Haliburton County roads department to apply surface treatment to the Buckhorn Road rather than resal it has drawn criticism from councillors.

Deputy reeve Bill Challis said if the road had surface treatment, this would need to be carried out two or three times as often as resealing work. He described the plan as a "band-aid" measure.

Council voted to write to the roads department, objecting to the plan. Reeve Bates did not vote on the issue.

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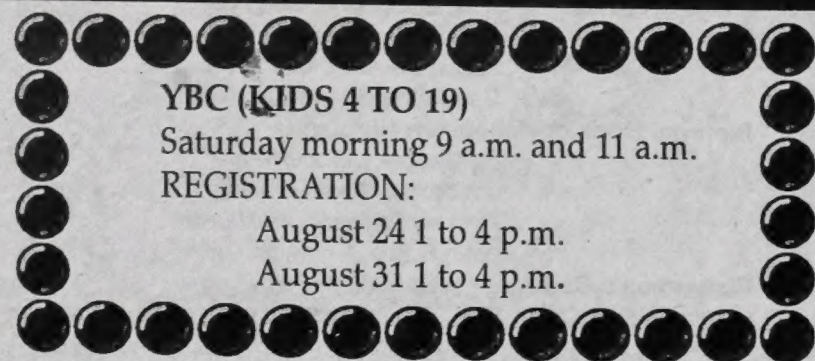
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Young sailors on Drag Lake had the chance to learn how to master the winds last week when the property owners' association brought the BOOM program's mobile sailing school to the lake for a two-day beginners' course. Other lake associations can take advantage of the program, which provides its own boats and instructors.



Portage Lake property owners discuss signage, environment

by MARJERY CARTWRIGHT

Portage Lake Property Owners enjoyed their third annual pot luck supper, Saturday, August 10. Approximately 12 properties were represented.

A short meeting considered issues of water quality, fish population, property signage, forming an association, joining

FOCA and developing a newsletter.

Signage chair Jack Virgin reported that signs would be prepared as soon as a numbering system was finalized. Notice will be sent to property owners as to when and where signs can be picked up.

A newsletter will be attempted for next year. Anyone wishing further information can contact 457-9448 or 457-9660.

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HHSS registration fee covers year book

by **MARTHA PERKINS**
Editor

School starts on September 3 and while there's lots of work to be done over the next nine months, it will seem surprising how quickly June rolls around again.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School has a new way of capturing some of the highlights of those intervening months. It's started a new year-book course and by the time the two semesters are over, 27 students will have earned two credits and the entire school popula-

tion will get a yearbook — guaranteed — full of some of their favourite moments and friends.

There is a price, however. This September for the first time, when students arrive to register, they will all be required to pay a \$25 fee. This fee pays for:

- a yearbook

- a student handbook with a monthly calendar

- one free dance coupon (\$6 to \$8 value)

- student council events during Spirit Week in February, and

- a coupon for 10% off any clothing item in the School Store

As well, if there's any money left over, it will go towards such possible school betterment projects as a skateboard area, a hackysack area and outdoor basketball nets.

Paying the \$25 fee will be mandatory.

"I think of a yearbook as part of the fibre that develops school pride," says principal Gary Brohman, who's excited about the new course and the possibilities it provides. "I know it will be a wonderful experience."

For three years, students went without a yearbook because the task was too overwhelming for a committee of volunteers. By integrating the yearbook into the communications/broad based technology course, the work will be done by students under the direction of Ann Varty, who has taken on the challenge of introducing the new course with art teacher Dave Stephenson.

Although paying the \$25 is mandatory, Brohman doesn't

think many students will balk at the opportunity to have a yearbook. "They're getting great dollar value," he says, and that value becomes even more apparent at the end of the school year when students will have a tangible record of their school year, and the images and friendships which made it so memorable. Even as years pass, it will provide students the chance to feel young again through the pho-

tographs and comments.

At HHSS, academics are important, and the success of graduates in their careers proves that the school is doing a good job at imparting knowledge, Brohman says. But as the county's only high school, and therefore its only central gathering place, the school fulfills a very important social role as well. "We provide social contact for the students and now the yearbook is another venue."

Brohman says HHSS is not the first high school to introduce the course. Several other schools have successfully integrated the program, at varying costs. At one school, the registration/yearbook fee is \$75. At another school, of the 900 students, only four refused to pay the fee. "Yearbooks are part of the tradition of secondary schools and we want to build more on it."

As another way of promoting school spirit, Brohman has asked music teacher Tom Regina to compose a school song by the end of the school year. This can be played at school functions and help bind students together.

Brohman's only disappointment is the province's freeze on school expansions. This year's enrollment is expected to be between 743 and 763 students and there will be a tight squeeze on lockers (students will have to double up), classroom space and in particular, sufficient table space for students in the cafeteria. The school has been able to add six portables over the years but "the hallways are not wider and the washrooms are not bigger."

He says the capital expansion plan — which includes a new science wing and double gymnasium with fitness rooms — is both necessary and beneficial to the wider community.

High school registration begins on August 26. There's an ad in this week's paper outlining the schedule.



ROTARY VAN WINNER: Elmar Hodsoll is officially the owner of the Dodge Caravan raffled by the Haliburton Rotary Club. Hodsoll collected his new car from Elstone Motors last week. Pictured at the presentation were, from left, chairman of Rotary's car draw committee Lorne Hoppenreys, Doreen Hodsoll, the Hodsoll's grandsons Tom Bailey and Ian Flynn, Elmar Hodsoll and Ray Selbie of Rotary.

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Hyland Crest remains the site of choice for healthcare plan

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Friday's meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board in the council chambers at the county building in Minden.

The new emergency facility for Minden will still be built on the Hyland Crest property, even though the board's capital planning committee has agreed that it is less expensive to build an entirely new Hyland Crest rather than renovate the current building as part of the project.

At the next meeting, the committee will bring forward a proposal on how to build the emergency facility as well as a new home for the aged, reported Luba Funston, who had met earlier that day with the consultants hired to prepare the project's functional plan. Because

of the need to start construction by next spring, it would be too time consuming to search for a new site, she said.

"(MPP Chris Hodgson) has said we have to spend the (government's) money as soon as possible or it won't be there for us," she said. The province has committed to pay roughly two-thirds of the \$10.6-million cost of the three projects: the two in Minden as well as the addition of 30 long-term care beds at Haliburton Hospital.

The Ministry of Health also seems eager to see the projects move ahead quickly, and while it may be difficult to start construction next spring, a summer start date is possible as long as the Ministry continues to "fast-track" the capital expansion. "We got the distinct sense they want to get this going as soon as possible," Funston reported. "They're behind us all the way."

The next immediate step is to

get soil testing and a survey done.

Meanwhile, it is still not clear who will own the Hyland Crest building. The board has received a legal opinion that under present laws, the county cannot sell the building to the board. However, the province is pushing towards repealing the law which says that in order to have county status, a county must provide a home for the aged. This won't take place by next year, though, so some agreement will have to be made between the two partners. A sub-committee of board and county council members is meeting regularly to discuss such issues.

Paediatrician clinic

Parents may no longer have to take their sick children to Peterborough or Toronto as often, now that the board has agreed to take some doctors up on their offer to provide a local paediatric clinic once or twice a month.

The clinic will be held in one of the empty rooms at the Minden Hospital, which no longer provides in-patient services, at no cost to the paediatricians. Minimal equipment will be required.

Right now, parents have to take their children out of school for the day to travel to paediatrician's offices outside the county. Dr. Norm Bottum says there have been two offers for a clinic — one from a paediatrician who has moved to the area to do research but who also wants to keep involved with active care, and one from a team of paediatricians who are already seeing Highlands patients, but in their offices.

The board was enthusiastic about providing the service.

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Sandra Glecoff, right, of the Haliburton Stedmans department store presents Nancy Roberts, left, with the Brother sewing machine Nancy won in the Glad Bags sewing machine contest, which she entered at Stedmans. Watching their mom receive the sewing machine, valued at \$220, were Kimberley and Stephanie Roberts.



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Editorial

All the news that's unfit to print

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF NEWS in a community: the official news, much of which appears in the pages of this newspaper; and what many people consider to be the real news, stories about people's lives which are shared at social functions, baseball games and standing in front of the post office.

In this week's *Echo* is the "official" news about a rape investigation in Haliburton village. The story briefly says the police have discontinued the investigation but the police don't exactly say why. Well, it turns out there wasn't a rape to investigate. And yet to many people in the Highlands, news of that rape had been very, very real, causing a lot of concern and fear. After hearing the stories, many women made extra sure their doors were locked at night, they were nervous about going for walks alone, and even the thought of being in a car alone was scary.

A few days later, the rape may not have been real, but the fear is. And now, the anger.

The word on the street on Tuesday was that the night before a woman had been driving, alone, when she came across a man lying on the road. When she stopped – it wasn't sure if she intended to help or she simply couldn't get past the body – she was raped and beaten by the man. Some stories had one man involved, others had two. Another twist had the victims as girls.

That night at the Minden Bingo, (or so it was said in Haliburton), women leaving the games were cautioned not to stop for any reason if they were driving home alone.

By Wednesday, there were two attacks – the original rape, and then an attempted rape somewhere on Hwy. 121. In the second incident, the woman driver had stopped because a man was lying on the ground but the attack on her was aborted when a passerby stopped and scared away the assailants. A name was even given to the man who stopped the attack. There were suspicions about the hometown of the assailants.

By Thursday, there were three attacks – the two mentioned above, and another involving some girls from one of the local camps. The fear continued to escalate.

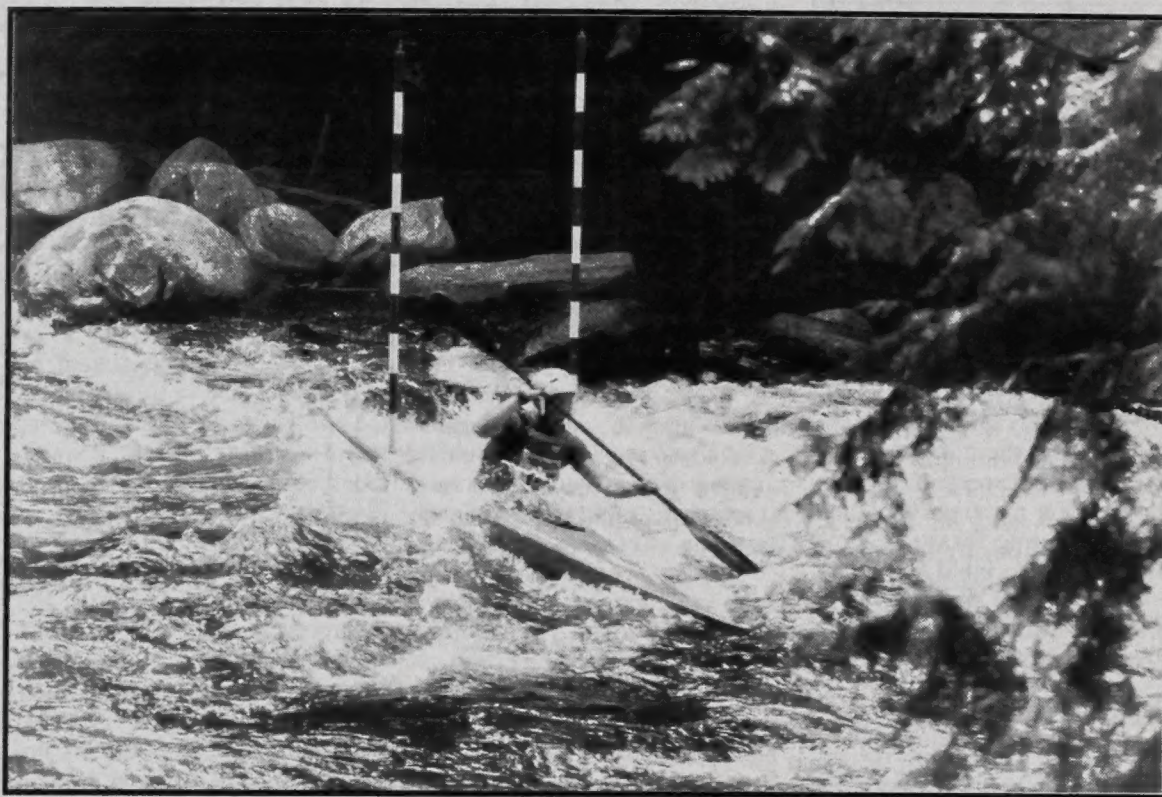
Unbeknownst to everyone, however, by mid-week the woman who had reported the rape recanted her allegations, saying she had made up the attack. (Or so the unofficial story goes.) There was no rape, there was no beating. Police quickly dropped the investigation. However, police are investigating a sexual assault which took place two weeks ago. They also say that if there had been a "serial rapist" as the rumours suggested, they would have issued a warning. As it was, the only official information *The Echo* received was as a result of phoning the police and asking.

To give the woman who started all this the benefit of the doubt, she probably didn't know the chain reaction she would start once she told her story to police. The rule in a small town is if you don't want something known by everyone, you tell absolutely no one. We no longer have tom tom drums, or smoke signals, but news is a social currency, traded amongst people who by this time, are so realistic about small town life they'll believe anything.

But the allegation also caused a lot of unnecessary fear. Rape is one of the most heinous crimes because it is an act of violence, often causing more psychological than physical damage. There's little wonder that the warden of Renfrew County had to resign because he had jokingly compared the municipal amalgamation process to a rape – you might as well lie back and enjoy it. Rape is no joke, whether you're politically correct or not. Men such as the former Renfrew warden should know that, but so should women such as the one who made the allegation. Because of her false story, some rape victims will continue to be doubted when they try to tell their stories, making them victims of society's prejudices as well. Rape is too much of a horrible crime to allow that to happen.

And here's one final complication as a result of the "rape": a lot of women had to ask themselves "What would I do if I came upon a man lying on the road?" Could the women just drive past? Sadly, but realistically, a lot of women now realize they should. Sad perhaps, but there was enough of a ring of truth, of possibility, to last week's story to make it so believable on the streets of Haliburton.

M.P.



Minden a pretty site for nationals

by Martha Perkins

Letters to the Editor

Responsible bear hunters remember sportsmanship

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to Ted Vasey's July 2 letter "Anti-bear hunt ads misinform."

Hunters such as Mr. Vasey maintain that as long as bear hunting makes money and bear populations aren't endangered, they can hunt using any method they like. But for truly responsible hunters, and for the public, sportsmanship and fair chase matter in the hunt. The Bear Alliance's goal is simply to stop three unsportsmanlike bear hunting methods: the spring hunt, baiting, and hunting with dogs. No more, no less.

Our campaign goals actually correspond with the opinion of many responsible hunters. Responsible hunters consider it wrong to shoot bears in the spring, a season when no other big game animal is hunted, when bears are weak and hungry after hibernation, and when mothers are nursing their cubs. Many hunters also believe there is no sport in luring bears to bait sites with pastries and meat scraps, only to shoot them while they eat. And few would disagree that to hunt bears using dogs equipped with radio-tracking collars is a gross violation of the principle of fair chase.

Bear biologists and wildlife rehabilitators state unequivocally that orphaned cubs are a lega-

cy of the spring hunt, despite laws that try to prevent it. Female bears do not always have their cubs by their side, which can lead to hunters accidentally shooting mothers. Biologists agree there is no foolproof method of selectively identifying the sex or maternal status of a bear until after she is shot and her body is examined.

There is indeed a common link between some bear hunters and poachers in that they use the same controversial hunting methods and, according to enforcement officers from across the country, gallbladders from legally-hunted bears are in trade in Canada.

While Mr. Vasey labels us as a radical group, our campaign merely reflects public opinion in Ontario. Seventy-one percent of

Ontario residents oppose hunting black bears as sport, 77% oppose baiting, and 79% oppose marketing the spring hunt to Americans (who account for 82% of the bears killed in Ontario.)

Mr. Vasey claims our organization is misinforming an innocent public. Give the citizens of Ontario some credit. Killing a bear with its head stuck down a barrel of donuts hardly qualifies as a sport, and the public knows that. Bear hunters forget that hunting is referred to as a "sport" because it implies that the animal, as well as the hunter, is supposed to have a sporting chance.

Hugh Graham,
The Bear Alliance,
Toronto

Storefront upgrade sets good example for others

To the Editor:

McKek's Place - looking good. The external renovations to McKek's certainly add to Haliburton's main street appearance. Hopefully other "property owners" will look at their building exteriors and consider doing likewise. First impressions attract business and would help to give Haliburton a positive image.

J. Dron,
Stanhope

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Teaching the young ones

AS THE SUN SLOWLY SUNK behind the hills, sending mauve waves rippling across the evening sky, Keith settled in for a pleasant evening by the campfire. He had all he needed: a Coleman lantern for reading, his new down sleeping bag, lots of food for snacking. And of course, Jeb, his golden lab. Keith would no more consider going camping without Jeb than without the other items. Jeb was equally indispensable.



DOWN OUR ROAD

Sharon Lynch

A friend and companion, Jeb had been camping with Keith for years. He knew to sit quietly in the canoe, only pricking up his ears at the sightings of the odd moose or plentiful waterfowl. He knew when to walk obediently by Keith's leg and when it was alright to bound ahead through the bush. Jeb could cross a gorge over a fallen tree and swim through the strongest of river currents.

Unfortunately, Jeb had one weakness, one blind spot. Racoons. Despite his other talents, he was no match for racoons. They managed to out-think him every time. It never ceased to amaze Keith how such a smart dog could be so dumb about one particular animal.

However racoons were not on Keith's mind that night as he watched the last of the sun disappear and the stars wink into sight. He lit the lantern, found a comfortable spot for the folding chair by the fire and propped his legs up for a good read. Jeb was over by his half empty dish, his big golden head resting between his front paws.

Jeb had had a busy day, packing and unpacking gear, guiding Keith to the perfect spot for his tent, watching out for bears. The old dog was tired. He hadn't even bothered to eat all his supper, he was so tired. He figured he'd pick away at it during the night.

Then he heard it. A rustling followed by an almost mewing cry. Jeb knew that sound. Racoons. He jumped up, moving his head from side to side in an effort to look into the darkness. Nothing. Then he heard it again, closer this time. Straining to see, for his eyes were not as good as they used to be, he caught something up in the maple a few trees over from where he stood on alert. There, part way up, was a big racoon, looking down at him.

In a flash, Jeb was at the tree, barking. Keith, startled out of his book, looked up to see Jeb stretched on his hind legs halfway up the trunk of the maple, as though about to climb it. Following Jeb's gaze, Keith saw the racoon and smiled. Jeb never could resist a racoon. He'd probably watch it for a while before giving up.

The racoon stared down at Jeb, her body humped up like a furry hill, her masked eyes gleaming like small black pools in the campfire's light. Keith looked away to check on the fire and in that moment something else caught his eye, a movement on the ground by Jeb's deserted food dish. Three small racoons, no doubt the litter of the treed one, were furiously filling their mouths with the remnants of Jeb's supper. Even in the dim light, Keith could see the bulge of their cheeks. They cleaned the dish, then scrambled back into the underbrush.

Jeb, unaware of what had just happened, continued to bark and strain up the side of the maple. The racoon, as though on a signal, abruptly turned and with a contemptuous look over her shoulder, jumped onto another tree's branch, then another until she could no longer be seen. The bush was thick and poor Jeb didn't stand a chance of catching her at those heights in the dark.

Head lowered in resignation, he ambled back to his spot and automatically checked his dish. Nothing but the overpowering scent of racoon greeted his nose. They had cleaned him out. He looked over at Keith, who by now was half laughing and shaking his head. Better luck next time, thought Jeb. All I need is to catch that racoon at the bottom of the tree, before she can get very far up. With these thoughts, he settled his head back down between his paws and waited for morning and breakfast.



Pic of the Past

In the "old days", Monday was the traditional wash day. But perhaps the logging camps had traditions of their own because Carrie Drysdale says this photo shows her uncle, Sylvestre Barry, doing his Saturday laundry. She thinks it was likely taken in the 1930s and we thank her for sharing it with us.

Where did July go?

The relatives have been gone for almost two weeks now. The kids drove Dad and Aunt Mariam back to Buffalo. That's when I suddenly noticed it was August.

There's always that feeling of letdown mixed with liberal parts of relief that occurs when company leaves. Especially after a two-week stay. We loved them desperately, but we need our space. Visitors have their own 'It's been so nice to see you but I want to go home now' syndrome.

But we had a nice long visit. The four generations got together as often as everyone's work schedule would allow. Stephanie and I managed to get the fringe tied, and the "hand-made by Stephanie and Ginnie Muenzel" label sewn on great-grandpa's rug before he took it home. Aunt Mariam and I took in Artfest, the Rails' End Gallery, and a few shops in town. Plus a couple of lunches. Dad managed one game of golf with his granddaughter. We played lots of cards and board games, and spent a lot of time sitting in the shade down by the lake.

Mariam was perkier than last year. The cooler temperatures



NORTHERN LIGHTS

Virginia Muenzel

were easier on both of them. She also came with a new walker on wheels with a seat, which gave her mobility she hasn't had in years. I actually lost her twice at the Artfest.

At one point, I thought Dad looked bored, and I apologized for not being able to take him

Aunt Mariam is a real trouper. "I'll wash the dishes. Let me get lunch today. Can I fold laundry? Does something need mending?" She didn't want to just sit around and be waited on. "I do enough sitting at home." And as long as she had her nifty walker, she was game for almost anything.

She also brought me a quilt. I don't know how many quilts she has made in her lifetime. Maybe not a hundred, but certainly fifty. In my childhood,

she made me one of calico cats. Another of girls in sun bonnets and pinafores. This quilt was appropriately of calico maple leaves in all shades of greens, reds, golds and browns. Haliburton in September. Every inch hand cut and

hand sewn.

It looks gorgeous on the bed. And I think of her, sometimes wishing she were living closer to us. Yet I know from experience, that I can't be responsible for everyone. So I have to accept the time I have with both Dad and my Aunt, and always let them know how much they mean to me.

God willing, we'll see them in December.

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around like we did last year. But he said he was perfectly content to sit in the shade on the porch and watch the hummingbirds, and just take in the beauty of the place.

Both of them enjoyed walking down to the lake and back. Enjoyed watching the antics of the great grandchildren. Enjoyed the barbecues and get-togethers, though all these things exhausted them.

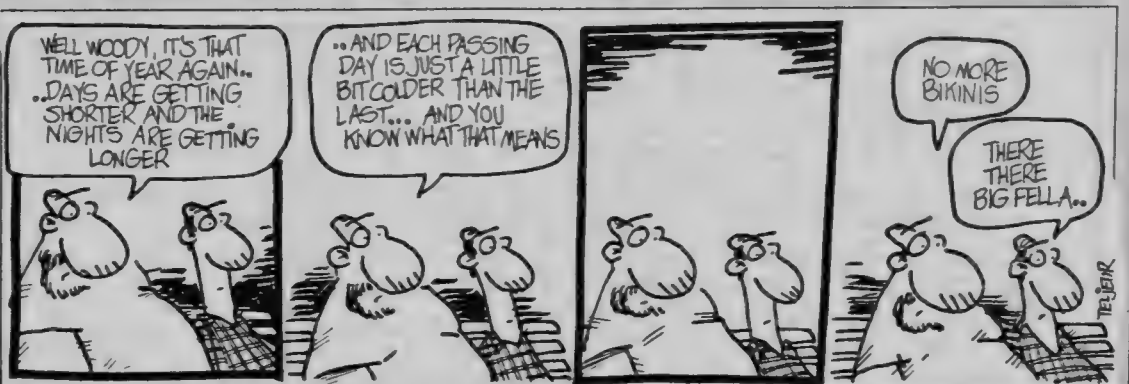
Bubbling Falls

I gaze at waters flowing from Gooderham Lake,
I am inspired by thoughts they create.
O bubbling falls from where do you come?
Your frothy waters are in a constant hum.
With urgency you traverse descending rocks.
Your destiny beckons you like an endless clock.
Are you aware of the beauty you emanate?
Our God created you, it was fate.
Framed on both sides by towering trees,
their leaves sway gently with a slight breeze.
You are a divine expression of his creativity and love.
O surging falls continue your destiny from above.

June Myyry, Burlington, Ont.
A visitor to Gooderham.

Boonieville

by Charlie Telfeur



Canada's best kayakers converge at Minden Wild Water Preserve



The water was high and fast-moving, the sun was shining and the crowds lining the Minden Wild Water Reserve weren't shy about cheering on the competitors in the National Championships held on the Gull River

this weekend.

Canada's best kayakers and canoeists were in Minden over the weekend and Mother Nature co-operated fully, as did the Trent Severn Waterway which ensured there was plenty of water pouring over the dam at the mouth

of Horseshoe Lake.

Next year, Minden has the honour of hosting the final leg of the World Cup Series.

The following are the results from the Slalom Championships held August 17 and 18 on the Gull River in Minden and from the Wild Water Championships held August 15 and 16 on the Madawaska River near Barry's Bay:

The categories are: K-1 MEN - men's kayak; K-1 WOMEN - women's kayak; C-1 MEN - men's canoe; C-2 - tandem canoe; K-1 JR. - men, 18 years of age and under; K-1 JR. WOMEN - women, 18 years of age and under; MASTERS - anyone 35 years of age and over.

C-1 MEN: 1st - Roy Sharplin, Alberta, 2:18.137; 2nd - Larry Norman, B.C., 2:18.77; 3rd - Dan Norman, B.C., 2:19.71.

C-2 MEN: 1st - Benoit Gauthier & Francois Letourneau, P.Q., 2:21.383; 2nd - Jamie Cartwright & Larry Norman, B.C., 3:04.834; 3rd - Don Eldon & Dan Norman, Ont/B.C., 3:18.471.

K-1 MEN: 1st - Keith Klapstein, Alberta, 2:02.623; 2nd - David Ford, Can., 2:02.805; 3rd - Mark Illing, Ont., 2:05.271.

K-1 WOMEN: 1st - Margaret Langford, B.C., 2:21.262; 2nd - Sheryl Boyle, Ont., 2:31.042; 3rd - Roxanne Labelle, Alberta, 2:49.146.

K-1 JUNIOR MEN: 1st - Jim Walker, Ont., 2:35.719; 2nd - Dony Beausejour, P.Q., 2:44.604; 3rd - Warren Hastings, Ont., 2:45.243.

K-1 JUNIOR WOMEN: 1st - Sara Donnelly, Alberta, 2:52.541; 2nd - Becky Ritson-Bennet, Alberta, 3:31.300; 3rd - Jacqueline McAllister, Alberta, 3:37.738.

MASTERS (35 & OVER): 1st - David Lech, Ont., 2:41.937; 2nd - Gary Barton, Ont., 3:01.128; 3rd - Doug Sinobu, Ont., 3:08.497.

PARTICIPATION (SHORTENED COURSE): 1st - Craig Peabody, Ont., 1:47.000; 2nd - Victor Ettel, Ont., 2:02.430; 3rd - Stephen Beech - Ont., 2:40.500.

TEAMS: 1st - Peter Nor, Mark Illingy, Ron Ridley, Ont., 2:36.496; 2nd - Margaret Langford, Rob Cartwright, Andrew Mylly, B.C., 2:44.815; 3rd - Patrick Gagne, Anthony Kelso, Marc Sinnott, P.Q., 2:44.815.

K-1 MEN: 1st - Neil Gerrard, Ont., 15:08.29; 2nd - Mark Illing, Ont., 15:08.46; 3rd - Ed Winacott, Ont., 15:09.96.

K-1 WOMEN: 1st - Monica Moisander, Ont., 17:08; 2nd - Claudia Van Wijk, Ont., 17:18; 3rd - Dianne Rogers, Ont., 18:54.

K-1 JUNIOR MEN: 1st - David Boies, P.Q., 16:11; 2nd - Vincent Lessard, P.Q., 16:17; 3rd - Dony Beausejois, P.Q., 16:39.

K-1 JUNIOR WOMEN: 1st - Jacqueline McAllister, Alberta, 18:52; 2nd - Sarah Donnelly, Alberta, 19:45; 3rd - Belinda Hewitt, Ont., 19:51.

C-2 MEN: 1st - Ian Watt & Richard Hagg, Ont., 18:00; 2nd - Ed Winacott & Neil Gerrard, Ont., 18:08; 3rd - Harold Van Winssen & Al Whittington, Ont., 18:18.

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Photos from the Gull River event on Sunday by Martha Perkins

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NEW TRANSPORTATION POLICY

Due to recent cutbacks in our transportation funding, the Board's policy now requires students to walk up to a maximum of two kilometers.

Anyone affected by this new policy has been advised in writing. The letters were mailed out on July 26, 1996. If you did not receive a letter and think you might be affected by these cuts, please contact either James Bradley or Susan Kirkpatrick at the Board Office at 457-1980.

Light gusty winds mean clear sailing for Drag Lake regatta

by MARY ELLA MAGILL
Drag Lake



FINE DAY FOR A FINE RACE: There was a close call, above in centre, at the beginning of the race but it was clear sailing after that

Saturday, August 10, a cool sunny day with light gusty winds from the north, saw 10 boats competing in the Drag Lake Annual Regatta.

As usual, the fleet was mixed. There were five Lasers, two Hobie Cats, one Laser II, a Wayfarer, and a sailing-rigged canoe. The skippers included Drag Lake Regatta regulars Al Ferguson, Lanny Totton, Craig Martin and Gord Munn, as well as newcomers Sam Altman and Larry Olivo. There were two women skippers, Vaune Davis and Jaye Guimond, in the fleet.

Bert and Elva Hunt, assisted by Terry Buchkowsky and Fred Stephenson, were the race committee on Bert and Elva's boat. The race start was well organized with coloured flags signalling the countdown to the race start. The race committee recorded the finishing times for all boats who crossed the finish line. Official Portsmouth handicaps were assigned to calculate the finishing positions for the racers.

The race was once around a triangle course. The first leg was mostly a broad reach,

moving up to a beam to forward reach on the second leg, and concluding with a beat to the finish line. There was a tight grouping of eight boats crossing the line within about five minutes - a close race by any standard.

The winner of the regatta using overall corrected time was Gord Munn in the Wayfarer with Mary Ella Magill and Gabriel Munn Magill as crew.

In the Laser class, Sam Altman placed first, followed by Jim Johnson in second

during Drag Lake's sailing regatta. The 10 competitors were in fine form.

place and Al Ferguson in third place. Vaune Davis placed fourth and Jaye Guimond was fifth.

Lanny Totton and his son Jesse placed first in the multi-hull class, followed by Robert Young.

Gord Munn and his crew were first in the miscellaneous class. Craig Martin in the Laser II placed second. Larry Olivo came third in his sailing-rigged canoe.

The Ferguson Memorial Trophy for first place overall and awards for the class win-

ners will be presented at the Drag Lake Annual Corn Roast on Saturday, August 24 at Sandy Cove Beach.

Thanks for this successful event go to the organizers Bert and Elva Hunt (race committee), Al Ferguson (race course markers), and Gord Munn, and to all the racers.

The lake association has plans for more race events before the season comes to an end. It would be great to see even more boats out on the course.

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Golfer sinks hole in one at Blairhampton

Earlier this month a golfer at Blairhampton Golf Club did what all golfers dream of doing as they dig their cleats into the turf, stare down the fairway and line up for a drive — he sunk a hole in one.

Joe Davies of Aurora recorded his perfect drive on the second hole — a par three — using a six iron.

Davies' family members are regulars at the golfclub.

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Orioles end regular season on a four-game win streak

The Sid Stamp Fuels Orioles will prepare for the season ending tournament, hosted by the Lindsay entry, to determine the overall league champion. The tournament format shall consist of three pools comprised of three teams in each respective pool with the division winner advancing to semi-final play. The Orioles finished the season with a record of 13 wins and 5 losses, and should be guaranteed a second or third place finish in the league.

The O's completed the regular season in strong fashion with victories over Bobcaygeon, Minden and Beaverton twice. In this string the Orioles have received strong pitching from starters Reynolds, Forgrave,

Mole and Hughes while working Luck and MacDonald into the middle frames. With the strong pitching have been a stellar defensive led by catcher Reid whose strong play behind the plate brings most opposition's running game to a grinding halt. Also, a big part of the team

defense is the inner assembly of Morissette, Mulholland, Johnston, Sternberg, Luck and Forgrave. This group of infielders refuse to give the opposition the big inning - playing error free ball and providing a clinic on most days for up and coming players. Not to be out-classed by

their team-mates are outfielders Jay Mole, Bobby Hebert, Adam Durkin and Stuart English. Defensively, the O's outfielders cover a lot of territory with few fly balls finding any gap to fall into.

The Oriole players have also shown their opposition, they can

score runs in a hurry. Six Oriole players have reached the 'Outer Limits'.

The Bantam Orioles concluded play on the road, with an exhibition contest against the Minden Royals on Sunday, August 18 in preparation for play-off action.

Health Unit promotes its new Active Living Guide

Staying active all year round could be easier with the help of a new booklet. "Make a Move for Health: Discover Active Living in Haliburton" has just been produced by the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

"This booklet provides information on the benefits of active living, and lists the many facilities and enjoyable activities available to the residents of Haliburton County," said Dr. Alex Hukowich, Medical Officer of Health. The booklet will be "launched" Wednesday, August 21 at 2 p.m. at the Head Lake Park bandshell.

The Health Unit produced the guide to help residents integrate more physical activity into their daily lives. According to the Ontario Health Survey, only 38% of residents in our area are engaging in regular physical activity. Locally, 44% of males are regularly active, whereas only 33% of females are considered active on a regular basis.

Dr. Hukowich says "You don't have to train like an Olympic athlete to enjoy a health lifestyle. Substantial health benefits can be gained just by walking, gardening, dancing, bowling or even washing your car. The trick is to be active each day."

The greatest health benefits of active living are gained by those who move from inactivity to moderate activity. Benefits include: decreased risk of developing heart disease and some cancers, improved flexibility, reduced symptoms of depression and anxiety, increased energy, improved self-image and an enhanced ability to perform daily tasks throughout life.

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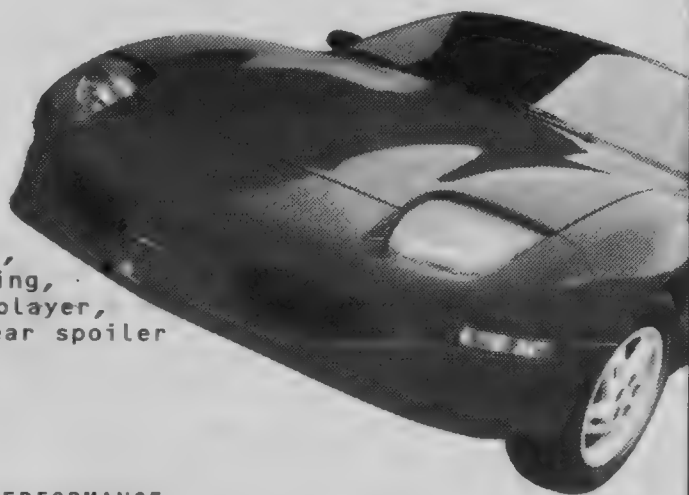
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Glamorgan gets \$900,000 grant to upgrade road

by JODY LINDBECK
Staff Reporter

Glamorgan Township has received a \$900,000 grant for upgrading of the Rockcliff Road.

Reeve Elva Bates announced the one-time funding allocation at a meeting of Glamorgan council last Wednesday night.

She said the funding had come after consultations with MPP for Haliburton-Victoria and Minister for Natural Resources, Chris Hodgson.

Reeve Bates said the funding had been granted after it was determined that the Rockcliff Road was a "unique situation" in Ontario.

The road, originally built to provide access for cottagers, is now used for a wide variety of purposes.

Reeve Bates said the road had a long history, which had been carefully documented by the Rockcliff Road Association.

This history was outlined in a letter to Hodgson and signed by president of the Rockcliff Road Association Ron Schmidt, president of the South Shore Road Association Kelvin Kaye, supervisor of Camp Northern Lights Father Bill Maloney, and Reeve Bates.

In 1964, 25 cottagers on the south shore of Koshlong Lake in Glamorgan Township undertook to build a road to access their cottage.

In 1973 due to heavy use of the road, the association made a formal request for funding for maintenance, and an amount was allocated in 1973-74. Subsequent requests for funding have been successful on a sporadic basis.

The road is used by retailers and contractors for access to cottages, by people gathering firewood from Crown land, by hunters and snowmobilers and by Parks Canada to access the control dam on Koshlong Lake. It is also used by fire fighters and ambulance officers.

The \$900,000 grant will be used to upgrade the road to accommodate the flow of traffic it now bears. The work will include blasting, drainage and laying gravel.

Reeve Bates said the announcement was welcome news for Glamorgan Township.

HALIBURTON COUNTY Community Events

August 23, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. - The Ministry of Health will visit Minden Hospital. **REPLACING MISSING/DAMAGED/INCORRECT HEALTH CARDS.** No appointment necessary. Call the Ministry at 1-800-268-1154 in advance for information.

August 25, 10:30 a.m. - Haliburton Christian Outreach presents Rev. Willie McInnis, **PUT THE WORD INTO ACTION MINISTRIES**, Minden. Children's Church provided. Located below Henwood's Variety. Come and be blessed! Everyone welcome.

August 28 - Join Haliburton County Home Support Services for a nutritious meal, **WHEELS TO MEALS** at Kei's Restaurant in Haliburton. Phone 457-2941 to register. Transportation can be arranged. Available to persons 55+ and/or physically challenged 18+.

August 30 to September 1 - **CHRISTIAN COUNTRY MUSIC** from Azle Texas will be performing at Haliburton Christian Outreach at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 30; and at Head Lake Park bandshell at 2 p.m. Aug. 31 and 10:30 a.m. Sept. 1. Everyone is welcome.

September 4, 7 p.m. - **WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP** at Haliburton United Church. Have you fought the diet battle only to constantly regain weight after losing it? Come and learn how to focus on God instead of food. Call 457-1891.

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Description Of Lands	Minimum Tender Amount (Set out the cancellation price as of the first day of advertising)
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2. Con 9 E Half Lot 4 Being Lands as described in Instrument No. 63698 DYSART, Instrument No 201930	\$3,427.40
3. Con 9 Pt Lot 15 RP19R3761 Part 2 GUILFORD, Instrument No. 201931	\$3,392.58
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5. Con 8 to 9 Pt Lot 17 Pt Lot 18 Plan 1 Block 11 Pt Lot 1 As described in Instrument No. 2704 DYSART, Instrument No. 202672	\$2,295.52
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Visitors flocked to Haliburton County's 132nd annual fair last weekend to take in a parade, agricultural events, games and rides. Clockwise, from top right: Sarah Ladurantaye takes her horse through a practise jump for a later event; Emma and Addie Valli play on the inflatable jumping giraffe; Seth McKnight rides the Bumblebee and cyclists show off their decorative bikes in the parade. See more photos on page 18.

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Clockwise, from top left: Laura Walker takes her niece Rachel Walker down the tube slide; Sarah Wood shows her pony in competition; decorated cyclists parade down Minden's main street; and Oshawa Shriners take their mini-bikes for a ride.



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Teenagers pave the way for brighter future in Northern Ireland

by JODY LINDBECK
Staff Reporter

There is a saying that our children are our future, and if six young people from Northern Ireland are any indication, the future for their violence-plagued nation is looking brighter.

The teenagers, three Catholic and three Protestant, have spent two weeks at Camp Moorelands near Dorset, learning tolerance and conflict resolution skills.

As they laugh and tease each other, Jennifer McCrea, Mark Little, Liam Freeburn, Andrew King, Jeanette Gamble and Rachel Gibson from County Fermanagh appear much like any other counsellors-in-training at Camp Moorelands. It is only when they contemplate the future for their home country that the group becomes serious.

Their trip to Canada was made possible by the Marie Wilson Voyage of Hope, a program established by the family of a 20-year-old woman who died in an IRA blast in 1987.

If the aim of the program is to foster a greater understanding and friendship between young people, regardless of their religion, it appears to have already met with success this year.

The 16 and 17-year-olds, who didn't know each other well prior to arriving in Canada, say they have formed close bonds and plan after they return home.

A camping trip in Northern Ireland before they came to Canada was not particularly successful, with matches that wouldn't light and tents which were almost impossible to pitch, a far cry from their descriptions of the fun they had on a trip to Algonquin National Park.

When they return to Northern Ireland, the teenagers will be writing reports and making presentations on how they feel the tensions in their home country can be eased.



Hoping for a bright future are Northern Ireland teenagers, from left, Jennifer McCrea, Mark Little, Liam Freeburn, Andrew King, Jeanette Gamble and Rachel Gibson.

Jeanette Gamble believes her generation can make some headway in achieving a peaceful Northern Ireland. She says she and others her age do not remember the beginnings of the conflict and are only aware of the violence.

And, she says, religious differences are not as important to young people in Northern Ireland as they perhaps were for the previous generation.

"We are trying to mix and get along. Nobody worries about religion so much now."

The teenagers say last year's IRA ceasefire and the subsequent talks of peace brought a great deal of optimism to Northern Ireland. They say there is still a feeling of optimism, despite the breaking of the ceasefire.

Jennifer McCrea believes the people of Northern Ireland should never forget their past. "It makes you what you are today," she says.

"But you shouldn't form policies for today on what has happened in the past."

The group believe the issues

run much deeper than just religious differences, but say they have become clouded and confused with years of fighting.

"Really, the issue is about making Ireland united," Jeanette says.

But for now, the teenagers are making the most of their visit to Canada.

They spent a week in Toronto before travelling to Camp Moorelands. They toured the city and visited Niagara Falls.

The teenagers found Toronto a fascinating city because of the many diverse cultures it houses.

Jeanette says Northern Ireland basically only has Catholics and Protestants, so it has been

a wonderful learning experience to see many cultures and religions blended into one city.

For the Irish group, the experiences they have gained during their two weeks at Camp Moorelands has also proved to be a wonderful experience.

It has been, they say, an experience they will remember for the rest of their lives.

"Everyone has been so friendly," Jeanette says. "I want to

come again next year as a counsellor."

Camp Moorelands caters to children from inner-city Toronto who are growing up in difficult circumstances.

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by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

MARIE ROBERTS and Joyce Lee have been friends for more than 60 years.

Ever since they were young school girls, the two women have kept each other posted on all of the significant events which have transpired in their lives.

They've shared intimate thoughts, laughed at the same stories and comforted each other through difficult situations.

But last week, for only the second time in their lives, the two women were able to sit face to face and talk.

Miss Roberts, a lifelong Haliburton resident, and Mrs. Lee, who lives in Christchurch, New Zealand, have been penpals for 62 years.

"That wasn't yesterday," Miss Roberts says of the day in 1934 when — as a 12-year-old student at Victoria Street School — she composed the first letter that would end up in the hands of another little girl on the other side of the world.

More than six decades later, Mrs. Lee, along with her sister, Dorothy Hopping, was able to pay her longtime correspondent a visit.

And for the first time she could see many of the people and places in the Highlands she had read so much about in the hundreds of letters she has received from Miss Roberts.

The two penpals met on a previous occasion nine years ago,



Penpals Marie Roberts of Haliburton and Joyce Lee of New Zealand have been writing to each other since 1934. Last week they were able to spend a few days together in Haliburton.

after more than half a century of correspondence.

But that get-together was in Vancouver. This time Mrs. Lee was able to spend a week at the Haliburton home Miss Roberts shares with her sister, Leda, as part of a longer journey, including stops in Western Canada and

Britain.

The two pairs of sisters travelled throughout the Highlands, giving Mrs. Lee the chance to see for herself the many places and people she had been able to only read about before.

"I can put a face to a name now when I'm reading a letter,"

she says, sitting in her penpal's living room.

The two women began their letter-writing relationship as part of a long ago school assignment when Miss Roberts was in Gr. 7 and Mrs. Lee was in New Zealand's equivalent of Gr. 5.

Students in Miss Roberts'

class at VSS were instructed to write letters in reply to a batch of letters the school had received from a class — though not Mrs. Lee's — in New Zealand.

Miss Roberts' letter ended up on the desk of Mrs. Lee, and the penpals have kept in touch ever since.

"Sometimes one letter would get answered a little later than another, but they always got there," says Miss Roberts.

Letters that used to take weeks for delivery by sea, now arrive in a matter of days by air.

But the two penpals haven't made the leap into instant communication via the Internet.

Over the years, three groups of Miss Roberts' friends have visited Mrs. Lee while travelling in New Zealand and passed on greetings from her penpal.

Twenty years ago Mrs. Lee's son, Kevin, made a special trip to Haliburton to visit Miss Roberts while he was in Cleveland, as part of his medical school studies.

And while he was visiting he learned his mother had been mispronouncing her penpal's name for four decades.

"We had always pronounced her name 'Mary,' but when Kevin came home he said, 'It's pronounced Maree,'" she explains. "It was very hard to get used to."

Mrs. Lee and Miss Roberts both say spending time together has made their long-distance friendship even richer and should provide more material for future letters.



WANAKITA'S IN A LOVING MOOD: Enjoying George Love Day at YMCA Wanakita were, from left, Noel Csermak of G.A. Love Foods, YMCA Wanakita director Steve Heming, George Love, chief executive officer of YMCA Hamilton-Burlington Scott Haldane and Sarah Coombs of the YMCA.

YMCA Wanakita says thank you to a special friend

by JODY LINDBECK
Staff Reporter

WHEN HAMILTON businessman George Love was a child, he never had the opportunity to attend a summer camp.

Love was one of 15 children, so his family did not have enough money for activities such as summer camps.

But times have changed. Love now owns G. A. Love Foods, which operates The Barn, a successful produce chain, and is able to give other children the opportunities he did not have.

To this end, Love's company this year alone donated \$25,000 to the YMCA and \$25,000 to a fund run by the Hamilton Spectator newspaper to send children to camp. His company also this year donated \$16,000 to cancer research and \$30,000 to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

To say a special thank you to

Love, YMCA Wanakita held "George Love Day" last Monday.

The money donated to the YMCA by Love allows more than 100 children, who would not normally have the opportunity to attend camp, to do so.

Last Monday's event was a special day for Love for another reason - he had never visited YMCA Wanakita to see for himself the fun being had by the children he has helped.

He was treated to a tour of the camp, both on land and water, and enjoyed a special lunch in the dining hall.

He was presented with a YMCA Wanakita hat and given a shirt to make him an honorary staff member.

And Love's opinion of YMCA Wanakita? "Very impressive," he said, his view taking in a group of new campers playing in the warm sun.

"They look like they're having a great time."

Panel recommends new Municipal Act

The following press release is from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing:

Who Does What panel chair David Crombie today recommended a new Municipal Act that would give municipalities more flexibility to deliver services taxpayers want at a price they can afford.

The new Act would give municipalities broad authority to run their business, based on the legal concept of "natural person powers".

"The current Municipal Act sets out, in mind-numbing detail, exactly what municipalities are allowed to do," Crombie said. "If an action isn't specifically authorized in law, the municipality can't do it. Local governments have to be freed to meet local needs as efficiently as possible. Giving municipalities the same authority a person has - meaning they will not longer need authorizing legislation for the administrative aspects of their business."

The panel's recommendations go beyond the Municipal Act and other legislation administered by the Ministry to include legislation administered by other ministries.

The panel recommends, for example, that the Ministry of the Attorney General explore with the municipal sector a new partnership in the administration of the Provincial Offences Act.

This could result in municipalities taking on additional responsibilities which would result in more efficient administration of POA offences. In return, municipalities would keep a portion of the fines collected, which would more than offset the cost of administration, giving them a new net revenue source.

The first phase of the recommended changes to the municipal framework would take the form of legislation to be introduced this fall. It would make a number of changes, mainly related to the municipal election process which begins in January of 1997 for the next municipal elections the following fall.

The second phase, a more fundamental overhaul of municipal legislation including the new Municipal Act, would take place in the spring of 1997.

Legislative changes recommended for this fall would:

- give municipalities increased powers to decide on the size of municipal councils and what council members should call themselves;
- streamline and simplify municipal election procedures;
- reduce duplication by eliminating redundant Municipal Act provisions for calling inquiries into municipal conduct, relying instead on other existing options such as police investigations or inquiries under the Public Inquiries Act;
- give municipal councils greater flexibility to delegate responsibility to staff;
- give municipalities greater flexibility when they borrow and invest.

Crombie said the group would continue to look at phase two of municipal reform, and at other issues including the Building

Code, libraries and land use planning.

Crombie also released Who Does What panel recommendations on some environmental issues. The panel endorses efforts by the Ministry of Environment and Energy to streamline environmental approvals and to clarify provincial and municipal roles.

The panel also recommends that municipalities be given responsibility for the inspection and approval of septic systems, that provincial funding to subsidize those inspections be ended, and that municipalities be allowed to recover the cost of inspections from the applicants.

The province would retain the responsibility for licensing and certifying septic system installers, and maintaining qualification standards.

The panel also agrees with the Ministry of Transportation that legislative changes should be made to eliminate the barriers that prevent the coordination and integration of community transportation services.

The Transportation and Utilities sub-panel hopes to have recommendations in the fall on provision of water and sewer services, municipal transit, GO transit, provincial highways and ferry services.

Further recommendations on property tax reform are also expected shortly.

The "Who Does What" panel was appointed May 30 to begin a complete overhaul of who does what in the delivery and funding of many government services. The goal is to ensure the very best service delivery by reducing waste, duplication and the overall cost of government at the provincial and local government levels.

Copies of the recommendations are available from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's Customer Assistance Line at (416) 385-7041.

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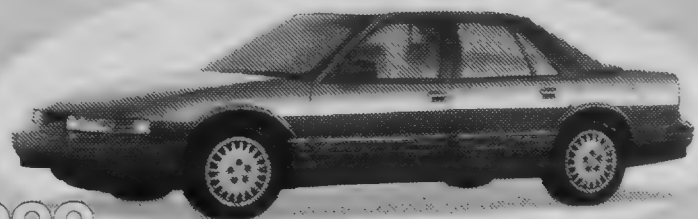
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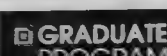


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A fun way to promote learning



On Wednesday afternoon, the Haliburton Highlands Learning Centre hosted a Reading School at the Haliburton office. But the fun time for children also included a few favourite camp songs. Taking part were, far left, Alysse Rich, and at immedi-

ate left, Leora Rich and Christine Beese, the centre's summer student. Another Reading Circle will be held this Wednesday afternoon. The office is in the lower level of the building across from the LCBO.

"Actual Value Assessment" concerns Percy Lakers

by SYLVIA WINDER,
Percy Lake

As the heat of the day was cooling just a little on Sunday, August 4, 1996, the cottagers of Percy Lake gathered for the Annual General Meeting.

After an update from their association's representatives the members were treated to two guest speakers, the first being Dan Kay, our councillor and a resident of Haliburton Lake.

Mr. Kay was the bearer of good tidings, as he informed the cottagers of the proposed repairs to our public ramp, which would probably be completed by the Labour Day weekend. This had been a concern to many cottagers since as the lake level goes down it becomes more difficult to pull out their boats.

Our next guest speaker was

Murray Fearrey, Dysart et al Reeve. Fearrey touched on many points of concern to the cottagers, the first being Actual Value Assessment, which seems to be the proposed new plan of taxation. He pointed out that all the details have not been made clear yet, but generally it is meant to provide a shift in taxation with a view of removing the school taxes from property taxes. These apparently account for about 65% of the taxes. However, he pointed out that there is a strong possibility that the policing by the OPP could be added back onto the property taxes at a cost of \$200.

Fearrey pointed out that they were elected to council on the promise of no increase in taxation. This promise has been kept even with the government cutbacks of 27%. All the services have been maintained.

He then touched on the proposed levy to cover the expansion of the Haliburton Hospital. The required amount is \$3,000,000 to cover the county's portion of the bill for the hospital expansion. It is thought that it would be better to have a one-time levy of \$100 per lot rather than financing the amount over 20 or 30 years and paying the interest. One question asked was whether this would include undeveloped land. Murray responded that all properties would be included. (It would be good if this could be done in the form of a tax deductible donation.)

He then touched on the topic of the schools, which still require more money. The trend is the provincial government will continue to cut grants for schools. There is talk of the province taking over the

administration, as this is very costly. There are many pros and cons in this approach.

Fearrey was then asked about single tier county government. He responded that it probably would not take effect. There has only been a one-time study done and the county covers a very large area. He had attended some meetings in this regard; however, it is difficult for people to agree to a plan that will put them out of a job. Should this be done the county seat would be in Haliburton and that would mean added expense to carry out services. There is a total of 10 municipalities to amalgamate. You might save on the one hand and lose by the requirement of a new facility that would accommodate the administration.

Regardless of the outcome, the new trends look like they

will shift more of the tax burden onto the cottagers.

Fearrey then answered questions ranging from whether Haliburton was still a provisional government, construction on the Harburn Road to whether our remaining road would be black-topped.

The Percy Lake Ratepayers Association would like to express their appreciation to both Ross Keating and Bruce Meacock who have worked hard as directors of the association. Both have decided they no longer can serve as directors.

A final special mention goes out to the winners of the Fish Awards, to Bruno Delazzer for the Trout Award, Walter Peric, the Bass Award, and Derek Leger, the Junior Bass Award.

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Anne Costeloe
447-2400

The Gooderham Volunteer Firefighters responded to a fire during last Thursday's thunderstorm. The fire at Hawkfield Auto Service in Irondale was probably caused by a lightning strike. Fortunately, damage was limited to property damage.

The annual Firefighters Games was scheduled for Sunday, the 25th, in Minden.

Both our Volunteer Firefighters and the Junior Firefighters plan to enter teams. Supporters are welcome to watch the games - and cheer for our teams!

A group of 20 riding enthusiasts from

Gooderham enjoyed a perfect afternoon of trail riding at Galway Meadows Riding Ranch, on Sunday, the 18th. The group outing attracted riders of all ages - from three years old and up, including grandparents!

Avery Spencer helped make the day by roasting hot dogs. Thanks Avery! Everyone had so much fun that an evening ride with corn roast and cookout with real live country music is being planned for Friday, September 13.

This is an ideal opportunity for a family outing (no prior experience required) - those who want to ride can take advantage of the guided trail ride, while those who prefer to simply enjoy the cookout and entertainment can do so.

For more information contact Bill Shaw at 447-

3281. (Book early, as space is limited.)

The C.H.A.C.E. Mobile preschool program will be in Gooderham at the Community Centre on Monday, the 26th,

between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. There will be a short presentation about children's dental care - routines and problems. There is no charge for this preschool program. It is

open to all preschoolers accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

The results for the Horseshoe Days Junior Talent Show are: 10 to 16 years: 1st - Tina Costeloe;

2nd - Ian Milligan and Ron Pettit; 3rd - Justine Winder. Under 10 years: tied for 1st - Stacey-Lee Robinson and Angelique Winder. Congratulations.

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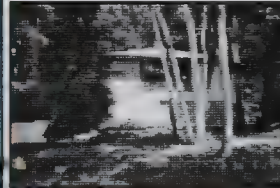
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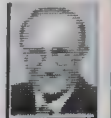
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News

Barb Fryer

We started with a picnic at Drag Lake, at the home of Bill and Anne Beatty. With the help of Donna, Bets, Rose, and Grace we had a great time.

Fred McPhail continues to fill in for Betty Salvatori on Tuesday morning Bible study. In the afternoon we have Ice Cream Parlour, sponsored by Kawartha Dairy with entertainment by Ivor Davies.

The annual Rotary Parade was a big hit around here. The residents enjoy being a part of it. John Menzies put hours on the computer making all those flags for us. It is very expensive and a lot of work to be a participant in the parade, and only because of the enthusiasm of the residents, The Country Boys and our truck and float owner that we are able to continue.

Lunch at Rip's brought its usual joy last Thursday, and in the afternoon John and Ivor entertained for the Birthday Party. Diane Numbers from The Gospel Light House donated two beautiful cakes. Our Birthday celebrities for the month of August are Myrtle Davies and Alan Stewart.

We welcome Nellie MacDuff as a permanent resident and Mary Wilson as a temporary one.

We are so thankful that the business of the summer does not hinder our worship services on Friday mornings. I thank all the Ministers for the dedication and love they show us.

Man hurt in fall from roof

Our prayers are needed for Tony Samarillo who fell from the roof of his home and is in a very critical condition in Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto.

CARNARVON

News

Ann McKay
489-2924

Betty Davis had her brother Gordon Rivers of Brampton visit her for a few days.

Visiting with Muriel Harrison this week were her friend, Muriel of Orillia, and daughter Natasha and husband of Ottawa. She also attended a family reunion in Bracebridge.

We regret learning the Cliff Little passed away at home on Blairhampton Road.

The Fred Gregorys of Ottawa visited with his parents Hazel and Jack then drove them to London, Ontario for a family reunion where they will be the oldest couple.

Our Christian Education Building is having a new look thanks to many willing volunteers who are removing the old siding and replacing it with metal siding and are also enlarging our kitchen at the same time.

Legion sends message of support to Katie Campbell

LEGION BR. 129

News

Anne McKay

President David Stirrett faxed a message of congratulations to Katie Campbell at the sports training camp in Sherbrooke, Quebec on behalf of the branch.

Katie competed in track and field at Dominion Level.

The restoration of the aircraft on Highway 121 is nearing completion.

There have been unforeseen delays since the renovation began, but work is progressing well now.

Don't forget the boat trip to the 30,000 Islands at Parry Sound, September 7. The bus leaves the Legion at 10 a.m.

The new furniture for the entrance lobby has arrived.

This was purchased by the Ladies Auxiliary and looks very impressive.

September 4 is a \$1000 bingo. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. sharp. Be early for this.

September 5 the general meeting will take place. A good turnout is needed.

Animal races for the month of September

are on the 7th and 21st in the Club Room on Saturday afternoons, beginning at 3 p.m. Lots of fun.

On September 10 a bus will leave the Legion at 12 noon for the Rama Casino in Orillia.

The cost is \$15 per person. Perhaps you can get your Christmas shopping finances.

There will be no Saturday meat rolls or flea market in September. They will resume in October.

The branch will hold the Drumhead Service in Haliburton on September 22 and will host all of the Legions in the zone.

A draw will be held at that time. Tickets are \$1 each. First prize - 1/4 of beef; second prize - a quilt; third prize - a clock of hand-rubbed birds eye maple. Come out and enjoy the parade and service.

The Ladies Auxiliary will attend the Provincial Convention from September 29 to October 2 in Kingston.

The regular Auxiliary Meeting will be held on week earlier on September 23.

Entertainment in the Club Room on Saturday night for September are: 7th - Gary Peters; 14th - Country Swing Kings; 21st - Kidd Kountry; 28th - Karaoke Night.



COUNTDOWN'S ON: School doesn't officially begin until September 3, but many teachers are already back in the classroom preparing for the new year. Jim Hopkins was busy last week, making sure his new classroom at Vistoria Street School was ready for its new class.

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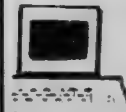
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Senior housing article prompts response

by RUTH STILL
Eagle Lake News

My last week's article re: the local need for senior housing which would provide meals and medical care, has, to my delight, sparked some reaction.

I've had a half dozen calls, most were from seniors hoping for such a service. Two proposed we get together and look for possibilities. And one caller, a realist, thought that "compatible women" was a complete oxymoron so my suggestion would never work.

I'm not so sure. Judging by myself, the rabid independence

of my 60s is yielding to a growing need for companionship and support.

Much to the relief of Rene Robert's friends, she has rejected a Toronto care placement in favour of something in Peterborough. Here she will be much more accessible to us.

Our concern this week has been for our own Nancy Brink who had major throat surgery over a week ago to remove a large growth on the thyroid. Recovery is slower than hoped. Our prayers and best wishes go out to her and sister Dora here from Winnipeg to help.

The Eagle Lake quarry is once

again in the business of crushing dolomite. Two men have the old crusher turning out 5/8" or 1/4" rock for stock piling. The demand for the rock is there.

Colin Gallant of the Trinidad consortium which owns the quarry was recently in Toronto visiting a daughter and spent several days here initiating the start-up.

It will be good to have a local industry back in business providing even limited employment.

Eagle Lakers do deserve credit for hustling an income; unfortunately sometimes by foul means as well as fair.

The opening of the Rama Casino at Orillia is of more than passing interest to Eagle Lake. The Rama Reservation became the home of the Eagle tribe of Indians who dwelt where we now are.

Dave McColl of Eagle Lake has been hired as a dealer at the new casino and puts in an eight-hour shift, 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The crowd at the casino approaches 14,000 daily. Many are summer cottagers in the Barrie area, many are Torontonians arriving by train. The casino's three restaurants supply food needs so how much

spin-off money is spent in Orillia is debatable.

And there are down sides. Children are left in cars while parents gamble in the casinos. Rightly or wrongly the casino feels that irresponsible parents are not its responsibility nor should the casino provide child care services.

And traffic around the casino is a nightmare. More and better access is a necessity.

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Phyllis Briscoe
766-2237

We wish a very happy 51st wedding anniversary to Johnny and Peggy Walker.

Birthday greetings to Samantha Ellerington, Marion Tyson, Bas Weatherell, and to Mary Howard.

There is no Foot Clinic available in Dorset at present. However, there is one in Huntsville that is available to Dorset and area residents. It is held in the Centennial building every other Monday. To make an appointment call Debby DeLuca at 789-6648.

I didn't know what Team Penning was, or what it involved, until fairly recently. In case a few of you readers are

unaware of what it is I will try to give you a brief outline. It is a sport that men and ladies partake in and involves horses and cattle.

There are teams of three people, each on horseback and a herd of cattle in a corral at one end of a field, each having a number or a coloured ribbon to distinguish one from another.

A single rider races down the field toward the corral and as he goes, a number or colour is called out. It's up to the rider to round up three cattle with number of colour and send them down to the other end of the field into a small pen. The object being to do this in the shortest period of time. The time of the three riders in a team is added together and that is how they are judged.

Oxbow Ranch near Bracebridge, is where the local

maneuvers take place but there are many ranches over the province that have this sport and it is apparently quite popular. Each ranch has many teams that participate and there are frequent competitions.

Saturday, August 10, there was a competition at Oxbow, with 31 teams competing. The Fenwick Ranch with their various teams were here to compete with Oxbow teams.

They make a family day of these events, with lots of children present and plenty of play area.

They wind up with a sumptuous barbecue and all the extras. Apparently fun for all.

Dave McKey's team won Saturday's competition, with a monetary prize and other perks.

I hope I haven't confused you completely about this sport but maybe you will get a chance to

watch a competition some time.

St. Mary Magdalenes wishes to thank everyone who came to enjoy the annual dinner they put on last week. It was truly a success and a delicious dinner it was. A big thank you to all who pitched in to help with all the hard work that a dinner like that involves.

A special thanks to the planners and organizers, Barbara Nangle in particular and Shirley Cunningham who assisted her.

The dinner was followed by a musical evening at the church. It was outstanding with choir selections, solos, a young lady danced the Highland Fling and the Sailors Hornpipe accompanied by the bagpipes.

There was comic relief with a recitation of David and Goliath as a small boy would have performed it. The audience was broken up.

A reading of a ladies childhood memories, done partly in dialect was entertaining.

Connie Bryant's two solos, Over the Rainbow, and, When you Wish Upon a Star, were beautiful.

Bishop Derwyn Jones is to be congratulated and thanked for the wonderful work he does with the choir and for planning the musical.

We are very fortunate to have the very talented musicians with us and we are sorry to see summer end when they will be returning to their native homes.

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Yeos back in Coboconk after a visit to P.E.I.

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Sheila Lake
454-2314

Thane and Terry Yeo enjoyed a visit to Prince Edward Island recently, where they visited a number of relatives.

They visited Tracy Lany in Cape Madeliene, Riverview, N.B., the Ed Allen family on P.E.I., Herman Yeo and family at Richmond, P.E.I. and visited the east cape of P.E.I.

The Seniors Happy Wanderers travelled to Toronto, by bus, on Wednesday, August 7, where they thoroughly enjoyed seeing "Beauty and the Beast" at the Princess of Wales Theatre.

Best wishes to Gladys Routley who celebrated her 83rd birthday on August 16 and happy birthday to

Pearl Brohm who reached her 82nd birthday on August 18.

The annual Legion smorgasbord was a great success, as it always is.

Lots of variety in cold and hot foods, and a beautiful day. This event has been a yearly ritual for many.

The hard working crew at the Legion do a great job each year.

Rob and Marilyn Bennett and twins, of Trent River, visited her parents, Gordon and Joyce Kay last week.

I picked up my sister Denna White, of Ajax, at their summer home at Fenelon Falls on Wednesday and we visited sis, Ada Fisher near Dunsford, then we all went out for lunch, at McDoo's near Dunsford.

The hay crop is mostly stored away for winter now, the same were delayed, due to rain.

Get well wishes to Carmon Pearce, Don Halliday and Norma

Herbert who are ill in Ross Memorial Hospital.

If you are travelling this way and want a cup of coffee, sandwich, soup, donut or pop, you'll enjoy stopping at the Coffee Junction, beside the Beer Store.

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Lloyd Faulkner of Belleville, visited his mother Myrtle Faulkner last week.

Oops! Sorry, I said, "Ken and Shirley Murchison," recently celebrated their 40th anniversary. I should have said, 'Ken and Barb!' Ken has not traded Barb for a Shirley, rest assured.

The Cottage Restaurant preparing for opening

Marilyn and Allan Robertson of the Irish Line have just returned from a short holiday with a brother in Hornby, and an Aunt Rose in Teeswater, Ontario. They also visited other family members in that area. Congratulations also to Marilyn on her first prize photo in August 6 Echo.

Welcome to Sandy Griffiths who is preparing The Cottage Restaurant and will be making her home there. Lots of notice will be given when official opening happens.

Perry and Kay Morrison's daughter, Nora, is in Mittersal, Austria, for three months. Her work there is in a library in castle at the conference centre.

Bill Marshall's mother, Mrs. Lucy Marshall, has been a patient in Toronto East General Hospital recently. Best wishes for her recovery.

Maple Lake United Church's rummage sale went well on Saturday, August 10.

Barb and Gerald Morrison have been at the Perry Morrison's on holiday.

Bernie Nicholls has just returned to California after a few days' visit with parents and family in the Guilford area.

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The Outpost still a gathering place

In keeping with years of tradition, "The Outpost" continues to be a place where people gather, a place to converse about current events and to remember times and activities of past years. On a recent Tuesday afternoon a most interesting and interested group of people came to visit with each other and with Marion (Campbell) Tallman and Sylvia (Battersby) Cameron, both former nurses at the Outpost.

There in the kitchen Sylvia, Winnie Schofield, and Norma Noble were joined by Floy Tallman - and discovered they were all 85 years young this year! Elsie Lewis arrived with Jean MacDuff who regaled us with stories of visits from and to Red Cross nurses as she and Marion delved into the by-gone years. Irma Dunford brought along brother Elgin Bowen, and his wife Edna (Donaldson) who were visiting from Searchmont. Soon Elgin and Ross Agnew were recalling sports teams and items from earlier days as they poked through this summer's special display celebrating Agnew's 75th anniversary. Other visitors browsed about enjoying the building, learning a bit more about it and our past from displays and other people. Nadeen and Kenneth Sanderson, Edith Daniels, your scribe, and Cathy Agnew made sure

there were treats to nibble along with tea and coffee. Part-time guide Tanya Mastervik helped pour the tea and probably learned a few items about the historical importance of our "Outpost".

In that same spirit about 75 hardy folk in spite of threatening showers appeared on the back lawn of the Outpost for a corn/wiener roast on Thursday, August 15. This was the 4th anniversary of the re-opening of the Outpost - as a special museum. They came prepared as always, to be there, to enjoy, to celebrate. To enjoy the sheer fun of eating delicious fresh corn, hot out of the black iron pot, boiling over a fine fire. To cook and lose wieners over glowing coals and to visit the cake table often. It was very good to have such a good turnout of youth and children, summer visitors who take a keen interest in the area as well as our faithful local supporters. Among those in attendance who have lived in the community for years were Georgie Earle, Irma Dunford, Sylvia Cameron, Margaret Finlay and Murray and Eileen Agnew. Thanks to all who came and made it a great, though damp, party. Your spirit and belief in the community give the Heritage Guild a real "shot-in-the-arm".

Congratulations to the organizers of the Penny Sale held recently to raise funds for the ongoing renovations of the much-used Lloyd Watson Centre - our Community Hall. What a crowd! What fun! The arena was literally swarming with people of all ages. What generous donors of about 150 prizes - everything from a load of gravel, free meals, teddy bears, bird feeders and houses, detergent, light bulbs, knit goods, a raspberry pie, a painting, a comforter, and \$50,000 (play money, of course, for the Monte Carlo night in October). Good entertainment for both children and adults and a bake sale that sold out quite quickly all added to the fun while waiting for the draws. It all went very smoothly - imag-

ine getting all those draws made in about 1-1/2 hours. Now, will this too become an annual event?

Norma Walsh and her committee must have been delighted with the overflow crowd who took part in the Annual Memorial Service held at the historic Christ Church in Essonville. Rev. Christopher Greaves of St. Margaret's Anglican Church led the service of remembrance, The Community Choir under Elsie Lewis' direction led the singing and everyone remembered. Another service to rededicate the restored windows and church will be held August 25, 1996.

Special speaker and long-time supporter of the United Church here in Wilberforce, Rev. Jack Spencley, led the service for the Decoration Day Service on Sunday, August 11, 1996. He spoke of "A Beautiful Memorial", of the beautiful things in our world and lives. His sermon reminded us that such things as placing a flower in memory of a loved one is a beautiful, loving Christian act. Rev. Christopher Greaves read the lessons and the Community Choir and the Male Chorus contributed beautiful music.

The Loop Business Association met on August 13. Among their concerns is the possibility that Hwy. 648 could become a County Road. Contrary to belief of many in the county, Hwy. 121 is not the main route from the south into Tory Hill, Wilberforce, Harcourt and Highland Grove. There should be a great outcry against this action. Also of concern is that the cost of each Welcome to the Loop highway signs has gone to \$110 per year - up from \$60.

Also meeting in Wilberforce on August 13 at the local B & B was the executive of District 18 STO (Superannuated Teachers of Ontario). They discussed changes to CPP, goodwill projects, membership, dispensing fees for drugs, and finalized plans for annual meeting at Wigamog Inn on September 12, 1996.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STANHOPE PUBLIC NOTICE

Take Notice that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Stanhope proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of original shore road allowance and also that part of original allowance for road between Concessions 2 & 3 set out and described as follows:

Firstly: All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Township of Stanhope in the County of Haliburton and being composed of part of the original shore allowance lying in front of Lot 4, Concession 2 and also that part of an original allowance for road between Concessions 2 and 3 in front of Lot 4, Concession 2 being more particularly described as Parts 1 and 2 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R6231.

The Proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Municipal Office in the Township of Stanhope on the 11th day of September at the hour of 11:30 a.m. and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

DATED: July 19, 1996
Gerald C. Bain A.M.C.T.
Clerk Administrator
Township of Stanhope
R.R. #2 Minden, Ontario
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WELCOME DONATION: The Haliburton County Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation has received a \$622 boost - the proceeds of the Chambers-Douglas Memorial Golf Tournament. Pictured during the presentation at the Haliburton Legion were (from left) Heart and Stroke Chapter president Lloyd Griffiths, and Mayme Douglas, Marnie Chambers and Beryl Gorin of the Legion.

MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL HALIBURTON / KASHAGAWIGAMOG SEWAGE SYSTEM EXTENSION

NOTICE OF KASHAGA DRIVE ROAD CLOSURE

The Municipality of Dysart et al advise that Kashaga Drive between North Kashagawigamog Lake Road and Highway 121 will be closed to through traffic beginning Monday August 26, 1996, for a period of approximately six weeks to accommodate sewer and forcemain construction as part of the Haliburton / Kashagawigamog Sewage System Extension.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Municipality of Dysart et al is seeking a highly motivated, people-oriented FRONT OFFICE RECEPTIONIST.

The individual will be energetic and reliable and will provide a wide range of secretarial, accounting and administrative support services on a day-to-day basis. The specific duties may include, but may not be limited to:

- greeting the public - handling inquiries - performing basic accounting functions - maintaining an inventory of information - maintaining clerical and basic administration systems

Preference will be given to applicants who have practical working experience with Microsoft Works and Windows 3.1 Software. Excellent written and verbal communications are also necessary.

Interested applicants should direct their résumé, together with a "hand-written" covering letter, to be received no later than 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 28, 1996, to:

Donna L. McCallum, Clerk Administrator
The Municipality of Dysart et al
P.O. Box 389
Haliburton, Ont.
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